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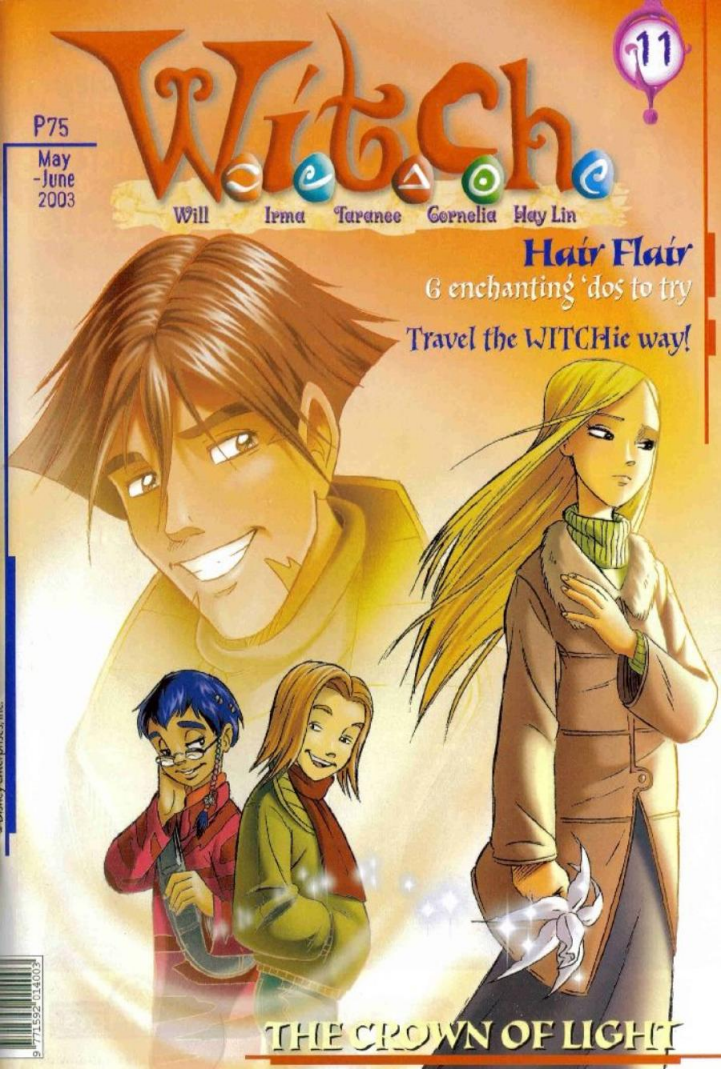

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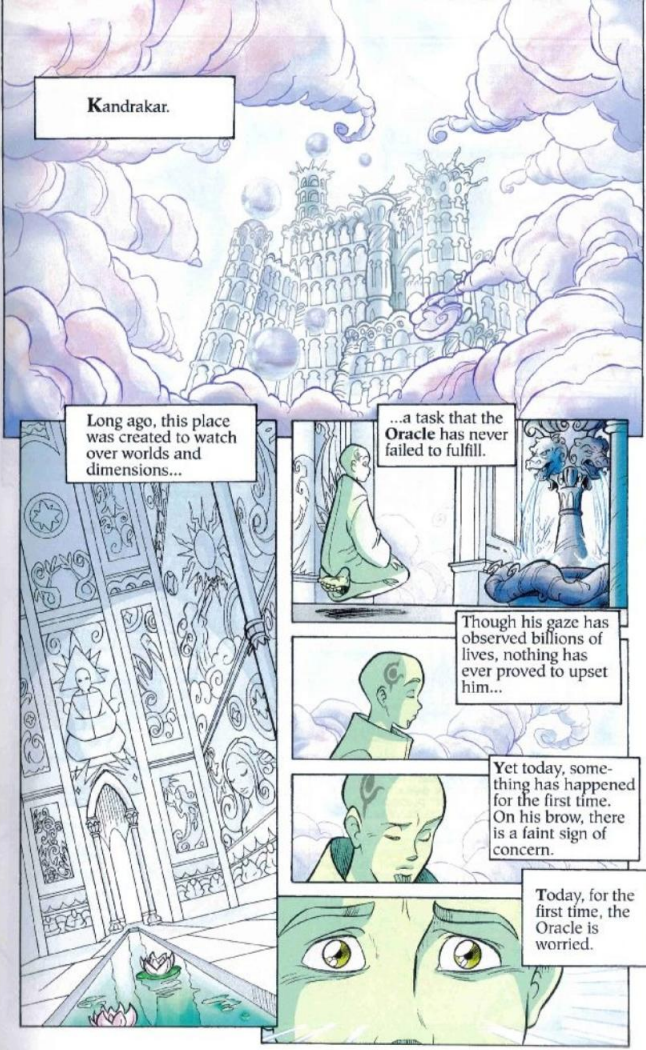
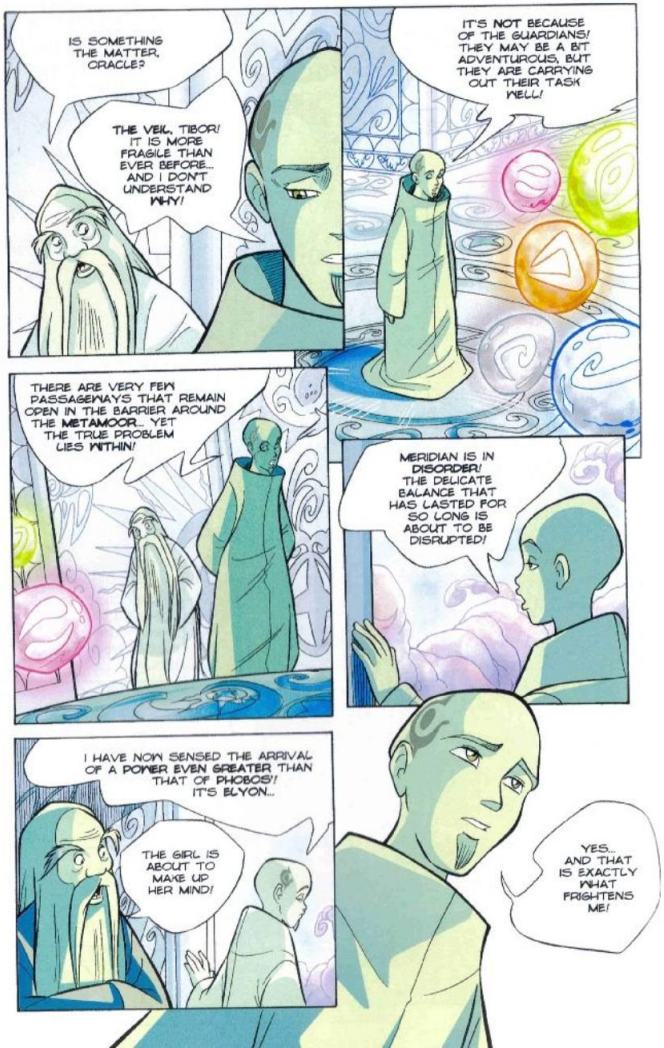
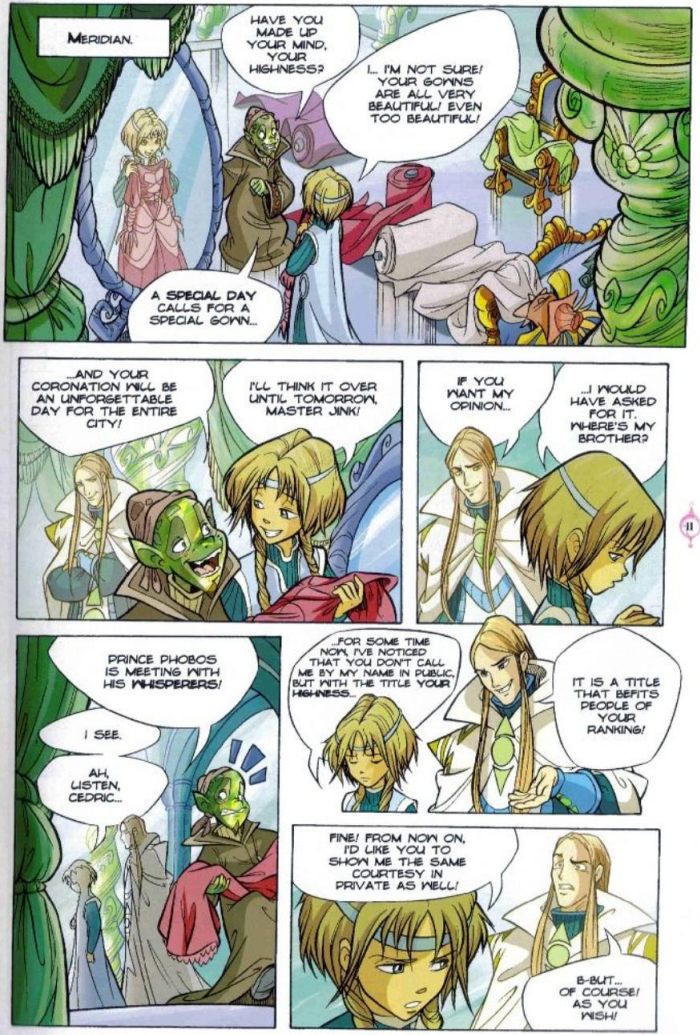

Kandrakar.
Long ago, this place was created to watch over worlds and dimensions...
...a task that the Oracle has never failed to fulfill.
Though his gaze has observed billions of lives, nothing has ever proved to upset him...
Yet today, something has happened for the first time. On his brow, there is a faint sign of concern.
Today, for the first time, the Oracle is worried.


IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, ORACLE?
THE VEIL, TIBOR! IT IS MORE FRAGILE THAN EVER BEFORE... AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY!
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF THE GUARDIANS! THEY MAY BE A BIT ADVENTUROUS, BUT THEY ARE CARRYING OUT THEIR TASK WELL!
THERE ARE VERY FEW PASSAGEWAYS THAT REMAIN OPEN IN THE BARRIER AROUND THE METAMOOR... YET THE TRUE PROBLEM LIES WITHIN!
MERIDIAN IS IN DISORDER! THE DELICATE BALANCE THAT HAS LASTED FOR SO LONG IS ABOUT TO BE DISRUPTED!
I HAVE NOW SENSED THE ARRIVAL OF A POWER EVEN GREATER THAN THAT OF PHOBOS! IT'S ELYON...
THE GIRL IS ABOUT TO MAKE UP HER MIND!
YES... AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT FRIGHTENS ME!


MERIDIAN.
HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND, YOUR HIGHNESS?
I... I'M NOT SURE! YOUR GOWNS ARE ALL VERY BEAUTIFUL! EVEN TOO BEAUTIFUL!
A SPECIAL DAY CALLS FOR A SPECIAL GOWN...
...AND YOUR CORONATION WILL BE AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY FOR THE ENTIRE CITY!
I'LL THINK IT OVER UNTIL TOMORROW, MASTER JINK!
IF YOU WANT MY OPINION...
...I WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR IT. WHERE'S MY BROTHER?
PRINCE PHOBOS IS MEETING WITH HIS WHISPERERS!
I SEE.
AH, LISTEN, CEDRIC...
FOR SOME TIME NOW, I'VE NOTICED THAT YOU DON'T CALL ME BY MY NAME IN PUBLIC, BUT WITH THE TITLE YOUR HIGHNESS.
IT IS A TITLE THAT BEFITS PEOPLE OF YOUR RANKING!
FINE! FROM NOW ON, I'D LIKE YOU TO SHOW ME THE SAME COURTESY IN PRIVATE AS WELL!
B-BUT... OF COURSE! AS YOU WISH!

STUPID BRAT! A FEW WEEKS AGO SHE DIDN'T TREAT ME THIS WAY!
THE LATEST EVENTS MUST HAVE TRIGGERED SOMETHING IN THAT LITTLE HEAD OF HERS!
I'D BETTER INFORM THE PRINCE IMMEDIATELY!
MY RESPECTS, ENLIGHTENED COURT OF WHISPERERS, VOICE AND EYES OF THE PRINCE OF PRINCES!
PLEASE GRANT ME AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU, MY RESPLENDENT LORD...
I was expecting you, Cedric! You always come at the right time...
...join me without fear...in the abyss of shadows!
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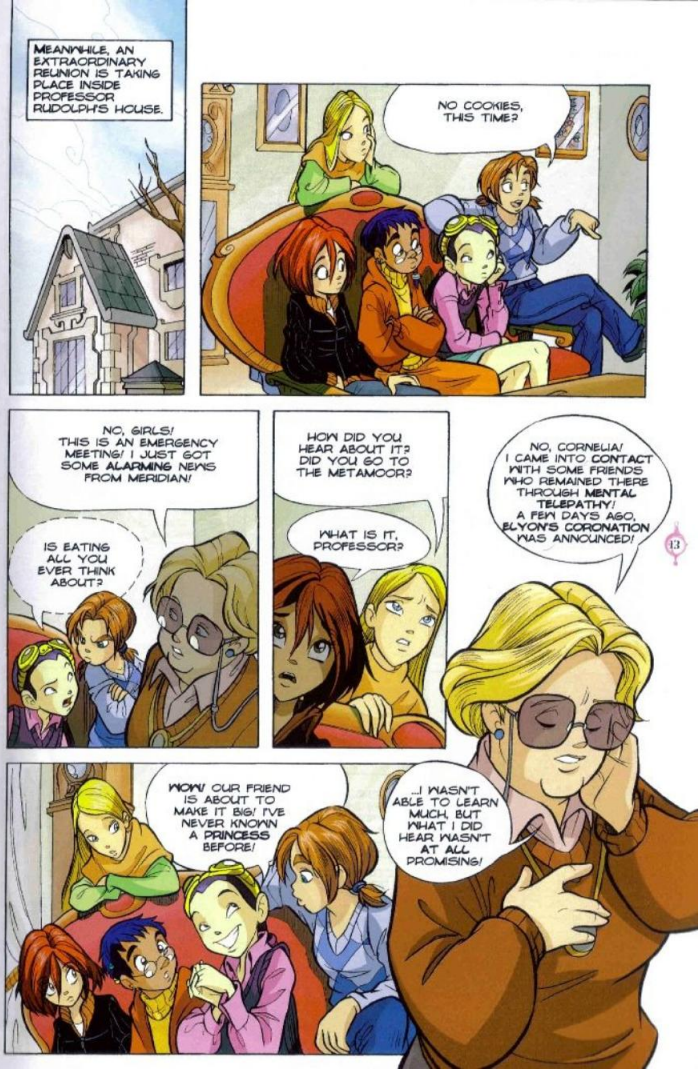
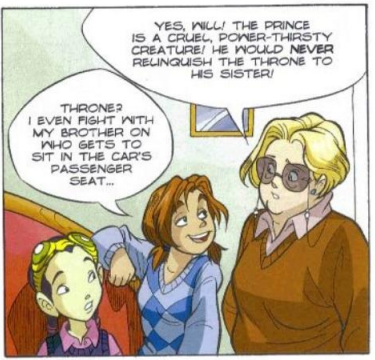
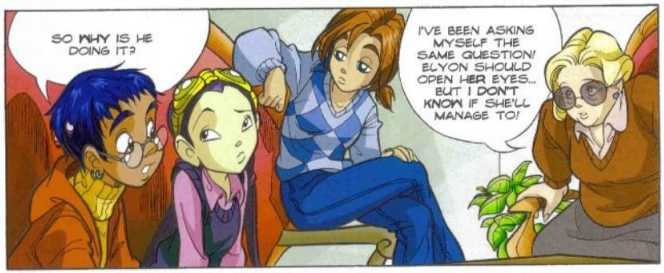

MEANWHILE, AN EXTRAORDINARY REUNION IS TAKING PLACE INSIDE PROFESSOR RUDOLPH'S HOUSE.
NO COOKIES, THIS TIME?
NO, GIRLS! THIS IS AN EMERGENCY MEETING! I JUST GOT SOME ALARMING NEWS FROM MERIDIAN!
IS EATING ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT?
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT? DID YOU GO TO THE METAMOOR?
WHAT IS IT, PROFESSOR?
NO, CORNELIA! I CAME INTO CONTACT WITH SOME FRIENDS WHO REMAINED THERE THROUGH MENTAL TELEPATHY! A FEW DAYS AGO, ELYON'S CORONATION WAS ANNOUNCED!
WOW! OUR FRIEND IS ABOUT TO MAKE IT BIG! I'VE NEVER KNOWN A PRINCESS BEFORE!
...I WASN'T ABLE TO LEARN MUCH, BUT WHAT I DID HEAR WASN'T AT ALL PROMISING!

THE CITY IS FILLED WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION! THE REBELS AND THE REST OF THE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN EXPECT A GREAT DEAL FROM ELYON...
...BUT YOU'RE WORRIED THAT PHOBOS IS PLOTTING SOMETHING, RIGHT?


YES, WILL! THE PRINCE IS A CRUEL, POWER-THIRSTY CREATURE! HE WOULD NEVER RELINQUISH THE THRONE TO HIS SISTER!
THRONE? I EVEN FIGHT WITH MY BROTHER ON WHO GETS TO SIT IN THE CAR'S PASSENGER SEAT...


SO WHY IS HE DOING IT?
I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF THE SAME QUESTION! ELYON SHOULD OPEN HER EYES... BUT I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'LL MANAGE TO!

THAT POOR GIRL IS ALL ALONE AND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF PHOBOS AND CEDRIC...
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU THINK! ELYON IS CHANGING! I CAN TELL!

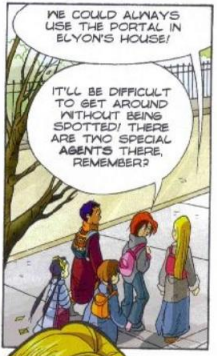
MAYBE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S PUTTING THE PRINCE ON GUARD! ANNOUNCING THE CORONATION WAS QUITE A SUDDEN DECISION!
BUT THEN... WHAT CAN WE DO?

I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON ELYON... MAKE SURE THAT SHE DOESN'T GET HURT!

"THIS WILL BE YOUR TASK!"
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING EASIER SHE COULD ASK US TO DO? WE'RE ALREADY UP TO OUR NECKS DEALING WITH WHAT'S LEFT OF THE TWELVE PORTALS!
THE PASSAGEWAYS THROUGH THE VEIL ARE A SECONDARY PROBLEM RIGHT NOW!

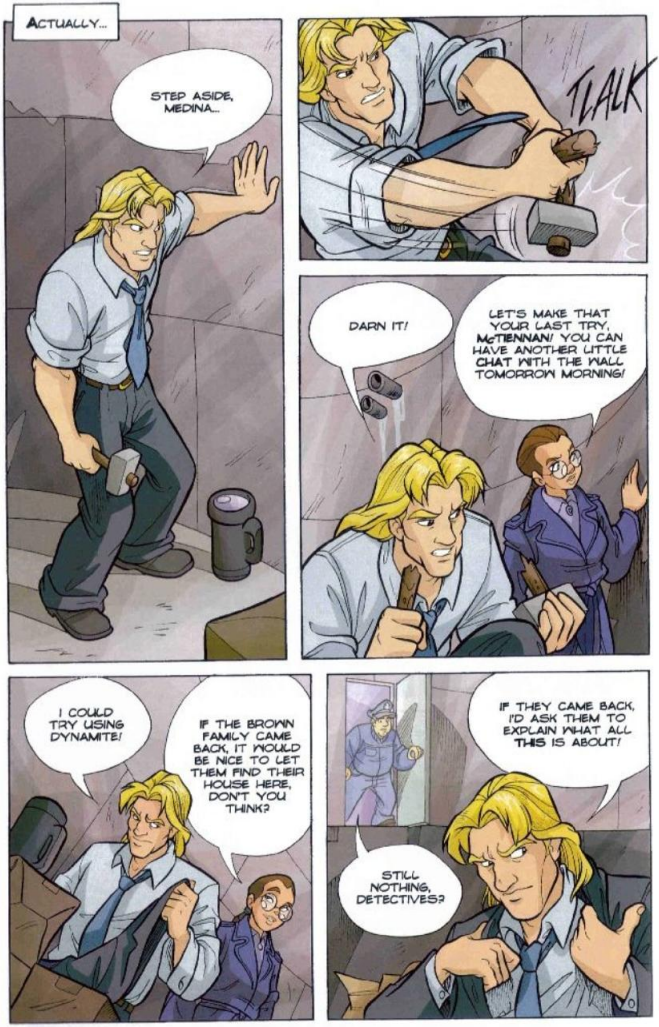
IF MERIDIAN EXPLODED, THE BARRIER WOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN, TOO! A WAR OR AN UPRISING WOULD DESTROY EVERYTHING!
LET ME GUESS... WE'RE TAKING ANOTHER TRIP THROUGH MONSTROPOLIS, RIGHT?

SURE LOOKS LIKE IT... IF ONLY WE KNEW HOW TO GET THERE!
YIKES, YOU'RE RIGHT! WITHOUT GRANDMA'S MAP, WE'VE GOT A BIG MESS ON OUR HANDS!


WE COULD ALWAYS USE THE PORTAL IN ELYON'S HOUSE!
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GET AROUND WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED! THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL AGENTS THERE, REMEMBER?

RIGHT! THOSE SNOOPS HAVE PRACTICALLY PITCHED CAMP AT ELLIE'S PLACE...
WHAT IF THEY FIND THE SECRET PASSAGE?

NO CHANCE! WITH THE WALL I CREATED, THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT! GUARANTEED!


ACTUALLY...
STEP ASIDE, MEDINA...
TLALK
DARN IT!
LET'S MAKE THAT YOUR LAST TRY, MCTENNAN! YOU CAN HAVE ANOTHER LITTLE CHAT WITH THE WALL TOMORROW MORNING!
I COULD TRY USING DYNAMITE!
IF THE BROWN FAMILY CAME BACK, IT WOULD BE NICE TO LET THEM FIND THEIR HOUSE HERE, DON'T YOU THINK?
IF THEY CAME BACK, I'D ASK THEM TO EXPLAIN WHAT ALL THIS IS ABOUT!
STILL NOTHING, DETECTIVES?

UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING, LAIR! ALL THE ECHODETECTOR DID WAS CONFIRM WHAT WE ALREADY KNEW!
BEHIND THIS WALL IS AN ENORMOUS AREA THAT DOESN'T EVEN APPEAR ON THE HOUSE'S BLUEPRINT!
SURE LOOKS LIKE OUR MISSING FAMILY HAD SOMETHING TO HIDE...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
...AND THEY'VE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB!
THE NEXT DAY IS ANOTHER SCHOOL DAY AT SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE, GUYS! WE HAVE TO FIND A NEW PASSAGEWAY!
DAD SAYS THOSE TWO AGENTS WILL BE AROUND FOR A LONG TIME!

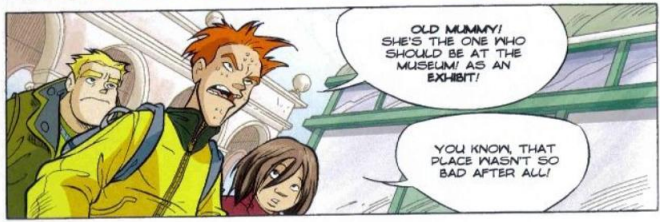
BUT IT COULD TAKE US WEEKS! MONTHS! WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME!
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TIME YOU HAVE LEFT FOR YOUR LITTLE CHAT, IT HAS DEFINITELY RUN OUT, MISS HALE!

GOTCHA! SEE YA AT LUNCH THEN!
GET TO CLASS LIKE GOOD STUDENTS! MOVE ALONG NOW, QUICKLY AND QUIETLY! MAKE YOUR POOR PRINCIPAL A HAPPY WOMAN...
BYE, WILL!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? IN CASE YOU HADN'T NOTICED, THE SCHOOL IS THIS WAY!
IT'S OUR RECESS TIME, MISS KNICKERBOCHER!

IT'S CALLED "PHYSICAL EDUCATION," YOU TROGLODYTE!
IT'S SO NICE TO HEAR YOU USE BIG WORDS, URIAH! THE TIME YOU'VE SPENT AT THE MUSEUM IS STARTING TO PAY OFF!
HE! HE! HE!

I DON'T THINK IT'S FUNNY!
SORRY, URIAH!


OLD MUMMY! SHE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE AT THE MUSEUM! AS AN EXHIBIT!
YOU KNOW, THAT PLACE WASN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL!

SHUT UP, KURT! WE WERE ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE THERE FOR THREE MONTHS... BUT BECAUSE OF YOU, WE'LL BE SPENDING A WHOLE YEAR IN THAT PLACE!
BECAUSE OF ME? WHY IS IT ALWAYS MY FAULT?
WHO'S THE ONE WHO STARTED PLAYING BASEBALL IN THE DINOSAUR HALL?
IT WAS JUST THE BATTER! LAURENT WAS THE PITCHER!
OKAY! STRIKE TWO, BALL THREE!
!
THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T GET IN TROUBLE WAS NIGEL!
OH, HE ALREADY DID HIS THREE MONTHS AND GOT OFF CLEAN BECAUSE HE WAS A GOOD BOY... YEAH, LITTLE NIGEL'S CHANGED! NOW HE HANGS OUT WITH DECENT FOLKS... LIKE JUDGE COOK'S DAUGHTER!
GIRLS! ECK! WE WERE THE ONES WHO USED TO BE HIS FRIENDS!
I PROPOSE A LITTLE FAREWELL GIFT FOR OUR OLD FRIEND!
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT A NICE WATCH?
?

COME ON, BERLIN! YOU CAN DO IT! YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! COME ON!

IS THAT TUB OF LARD BERLIN COMING?
NOT YET!

THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK!

GO JOIN THE OTHERS AND PRETEND LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED! I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU IN A MINUTE!

HERE'S NIGEL'S LOCKER...

THIS BEATS EVERYTHING! KICKED OUT OF CLASS BECAUSE I STUDIED TOO MUCH!

THESE DAYS, ANSWERING QUESTIONS HAS BECOME A CRIME! I CAN'T HELP IT IF I RAISE MY HAND BEFORE THE OTHERS!

THIS ARM JUST SHOOTS UP ALL BY ITSELF! IT'S GOT A MIND OF ITS OWN! MAYBE I SHOULD SEE A NEUROLOGIST AND...

...WHAT ON EARTH IS URIAH UP TO?

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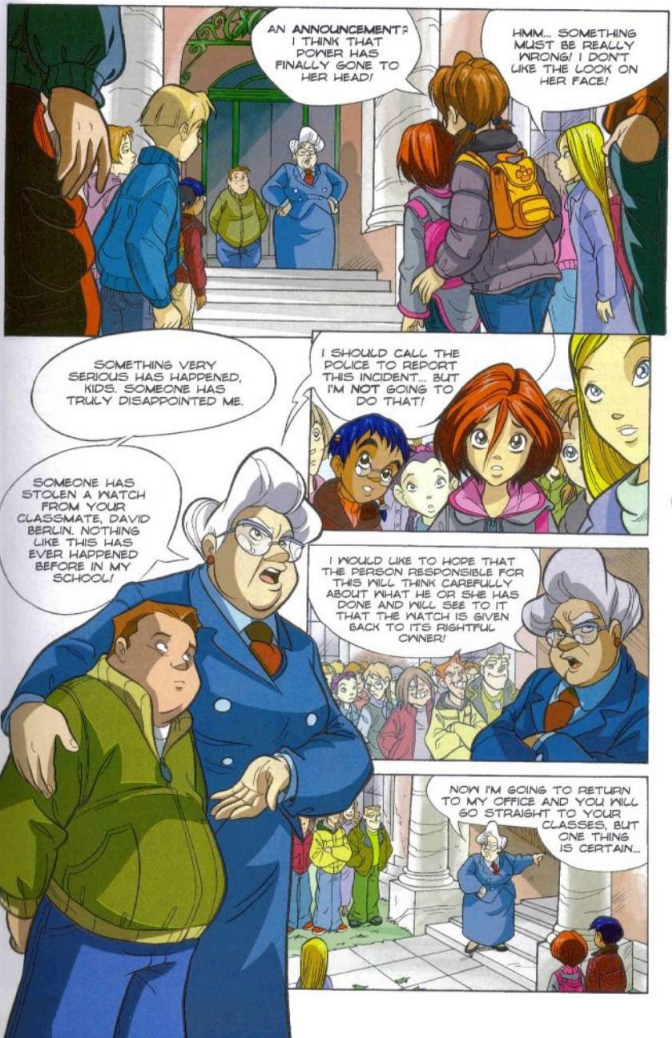
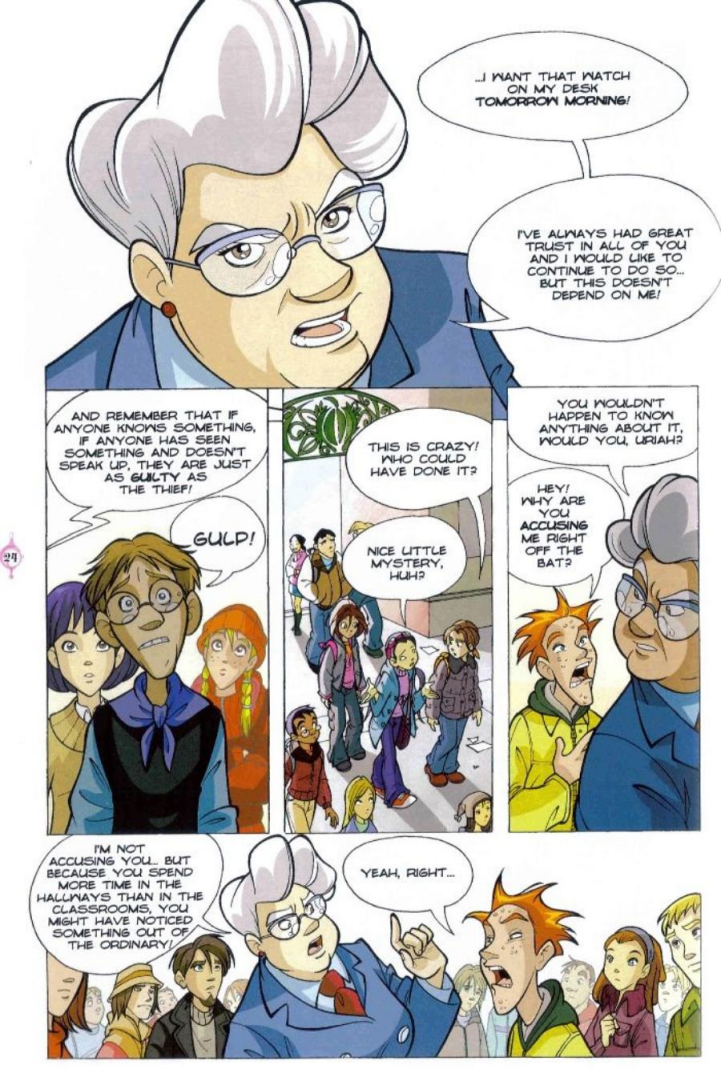
ENJOY, NIGEL! YOU WERE ASKING FOR IT!

LATER, AT THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA...
I'VE BEEN THINKING IT OVER, GUYS, AND I MIGHT HAVE THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEM!
YOU'VE FOUND A WAY TO GET TO MERIDIAN?
YEAH! THE PORTAL THAT VATHEK USED TO GET TO HEATHERFIELD A FEW DAYS AGO!
BUT WHEN WE WENT BACK TO METAMOOR WITH HIM, DIDN'T WE PASS THROUGH THE ONE IN ELYON'S HOUSE?
IT HAPPENED IN W.I.T.C.H. 10.
WHICH MEANS THERE'S STILL AN OPEN PASSAGEWAY!
RIGHT! BUT WHERE?
THAT'S THE THING! I DON'T KNOW. BUT WITH OUR POWERS, IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT!
WANT TO MEET UP AT MY PLACE AFTER SCHOOL?
COUNT ME IN!
OKAY! MAP OR NO MAP...
RRIIING
HUH? THE BELL'S EARLY! WE STILL HAVE TEN MINUTES LEFT FOR LUNCH!
SOMETHING'S UP! KNICKERBOCHER HAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!


AN ANNOUNCEMENT? I THINK THAT POWER HAS FINALLY GONE TO HER HEAD!
HMM... SOMETHING MUST BE REALLY WRONG! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK ON HER FACE!
SOMETHING VERY SERIOUS HAS HAPPENED, KIDS. SOMEONE HAS TRULY DISAPPOINTED ME.
I SHOULD CALL THE POLICE TO REPORT THIS INCIDENT... BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!
SOMEONE HAS STOLEN A WATCH FROM YOUR CLASSMATE, DAVID BERLIN. NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN MY SCHOOL!
I WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WILL THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT HE OR SHE HAS DONE AND WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE WATCH IS GIVEN BACK TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER!
NOW I'M GOING TO RETURN TO MY OFFICE AND YOU WILL GO STRAIGHT TO YOUR CLASSES, BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN...

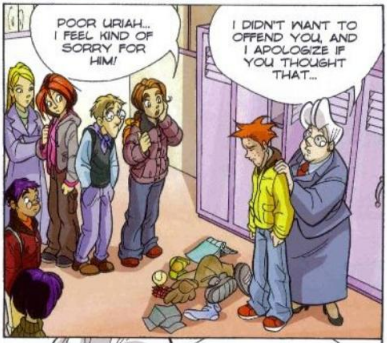

...I WANT THAT WATCH ON MY DESK TOMORROW MORNING!
I'VE ALWAYS HAD GREAT TRUST IN ALL OF YOU AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO DO SO... BUT THIS DOESN'T DEPEND ON ME!
AND REMEMBER THAT IF ANYONE KNOWS SOMETHING, IF ANYONE HAS SEEN SOMETHING AND DOESN'T SPEAK UP, THEY ARE JUST AS GUILTY AS THE THIEF!
GULP!
THIS IS CRAZY! WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?
NICE LITTLE MYSTERY, HUH?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, WOULD YOU, URIAH?
HEY! WHY ARE YOU ACCUSING ME RIGHT OFF THE BAT?
I'M NOT ACCUSING YOU... BUT BECAUSE YOU SPEND MORE TIME IN THE HALLWAYS THAN IN THE CLASSROOMS, YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY!
YEAH, RIGHT...

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, MA'AM, I'M TIRED OF BEING TREATED LIKE THIS! WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ME SEARCHED? GO ON!

LOOK THROUGH MY BACKPACK! OPEN MY LOCKER!
CALM DOWN, URIAH! YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT LIKE THIS...

OPEN YOURS UP, TOO! 'CAUSE WE'RE THE BAD GUYS, AREN'T WE?

EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS AROUND HERE IS ALWAYS OUR FAULT! SO GO AHEAD AND TAKE A LOOK!


POOR URIAH... I FEEL KIND OF SORRY FOR HIM!
I DIDN'T WANT TO OFFEND YOU, AND I APOLOGIZE IF YOU THOUGHT THAT...

NO, MA'AM! IF YOU SUSPECTED ME, THEN YOU HAVE TO SUSPECT EVERYONE!
THE WHALE'S FALLEN FOR IT...

COME ON, YOU GUYS! WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF? OPEN UP YOUR LOCKERS!
I...
COME ON...
WELL...
WELL, ALL RIGHT...
IN THE END, URIAH'S NOT COMPLETELY WRONG...
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NIGEL
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THAT'S MY WATCH!
!

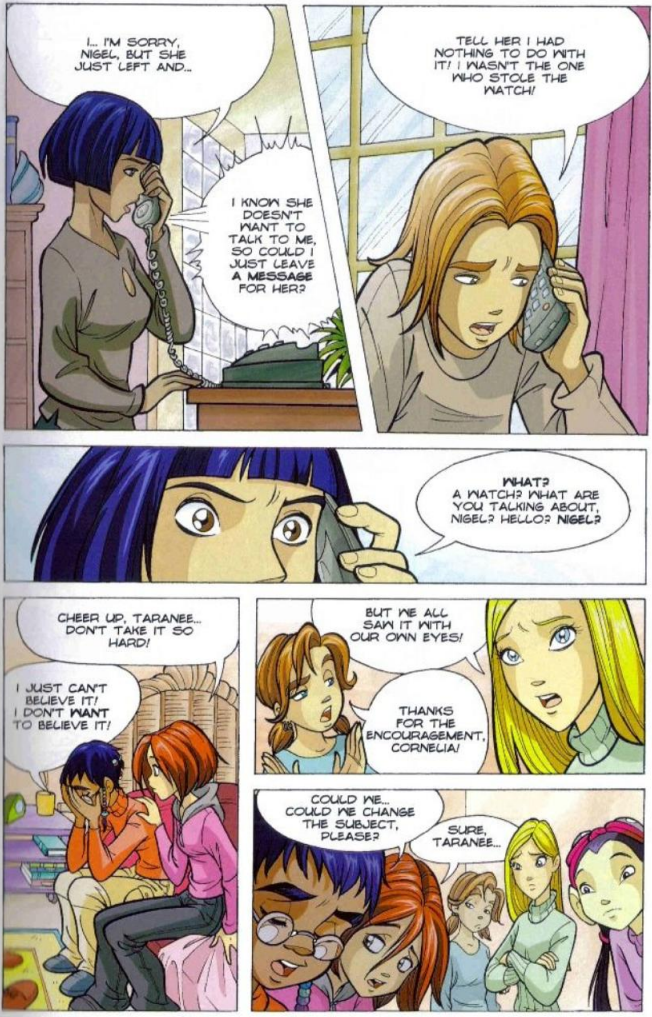
NIGEL!
B-BUT... BUT...

NIGEL!

OH, NIGEL...
HOLD ON... I DIDN'T DO IT!

COME TO MY OFFICE, NIGEL!
AND NOW WHAT DO I DO?

AND SO...
RIING RIING RIING
HELLO! YES? JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE...
TARANEE? NIGEL'S ON THE PHONE!
OH, REALLY?
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO HIM! TELL HIM I'M NOT HERE!
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
NO, NOTHING'S HAPPENED, MOM! JUST TELL HIM I'M NOT HERE!
WHATEVER YOU SAY.


I... I'M SORRY, NIGEL, BUT SHE JUST LEFT AND...
I KNOW SHE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK TO ME, SO COULD I JUST LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR HER?
TELL HER I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT! I WASN'T THE ONE WHO STOLE THE WATCH!
WHAT? A WATCH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, NIGEL? HELLO? NIGEL?
CHEER UP, TARANEE... DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD!
I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT! I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!
BUT WE ALL SAW IT WITH OUR OWN EYES!
THANKS FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT, CORNELIA!
COULD WE... COULD WE CHANGE THE SUBJECT, PLEASE?
SURE, TARANEE...

HEY... I THINK I'VE FOUND A WAY TO LOCATE THE PORTAL VATHEK USED!
THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST PIECE OF GOOD NEWS IN WEEKS!
BUT HOW?
WITH THIS! IT'S THE TOKEN THAT VATHEK DROPPED IN THE VAN A FEW DAYS AGO..."
THIS HAPPENED IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE, W.I.T.C.H. 10.
I CAN RECALL MEMORIES FROM SOUNDS! THIS PIECE OF METAL WILL TELL ME WHERE IT COMES FROM...
...AND WHEN WE FIND OUT, WE'LL ALSO KNOW WHERE VATHEK CROSSED THROUGH! GREAT IDEA, HAY LIN!
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COME ON, ADMIT IT! SOMEONE GAVE YOU THE IDEA!
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, IRMA! AND NOW, BE QUIET...
...I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE!
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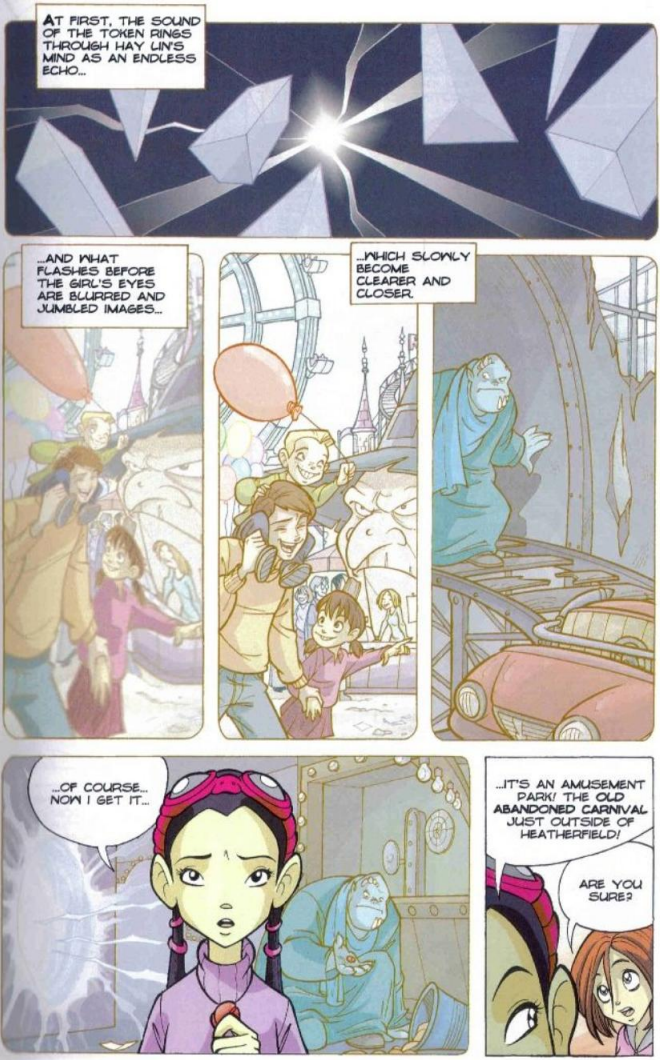
AT FIRST, THE SOUND OF THE TOKEN RINGS THROUGH HAY LIN'S MIND AS AN ENDLESS ECHO...
...AND WHAT FLASHES BEFORE THE GIRL'S EYES ARE BLURRED AND JUMBLED IMAGES...
...WHICH SLOWLY BECOME CLEARER AND CLOSER.
...OF COURSE... NOW I GET IT...
...IT'S AN AMUSEMENT PARK! THE OLD ABANDONED CARNIVAL JUST OUTSIDE OF HEATHERFIELD!
ARE YOU SURE?

TOTALLY! THIS WAS A TOKEN FROM THE TARGET SHOOTING BOOTH!
I DON'T KNOW WHY VATHEK PICKED IT UP, BUT HE SURE DID US A BIG FAVOR!
AT THIS POINT, ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR US TO DO...
"...IS TO LEAVE HEATHERFIELD..."
"...AND GO BACK TO MERIDIAN!"
WOOOOSH
Princess! You'll catch a cold with this draught!
THE WIND DOESN'T BOTHER ME, WHISPERER...

Why don't you rest for a while? Tomorrow is going to be a big day and you will need all your energy!
NONSENSE! WHERE'S MY BROTHER? I'VE BEEN WAITING TO SPEAK WITH HIM ALL DAY!
The prince is very busy, your highness!
Passing down the crown of Meridian requires long purification rites...
SURE...
...AND AS LONG AS HE'S THE PRINCE, ALL I CAN DO IS KEEP QUIET AND WAIT!
WOOOSH
SINCE I SHOWED UP, ALL PHOBOS HAS DONE IS AVOID ME! HE'S MORE LIKE A STRANGER THAN A BROTHER! I HAVE A MILLION QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT THIS CITY AND HOW HE'S RULED OVER IT ALL THESE YEARS...

...BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY ANSWERS! WHICH MEANS THAT TOMORROW, I'LL HAVE TO DEMAND I GET THEM!
YOUNG ELYON IS NERVOUS... AND SHE HAS GOOD REASON TO BE!
IN A FEW HOURS, MY SISTER WILL ADDRESS THE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN... YET IT WILL ONLY BE TO SAY ADIEU!
YOU'LL BE THERE AT HER SIDE, CEDRIC! AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES YOU WILL ACCOMPANY ELYON TO THE CORONATION...
AND THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN, MY LORD?
THEN... IT WILL BE THE END OF IT ALL!

LOOK AROUND YOU, CEDRIC! DOWN HERE, A RIVER OF MAGICAL ENERGY ONCE FLOWED... THE PUREST, MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE OF ALL MERIDIAN!
I USED THAT ENERGY TO BECOME STRONGER... TO TAKE OVER ENTIRE WORLDS...
...YET THOSE FOOLS FROM KANDRAKAR THOUGHT THEY COULD PUNISH ME BY CUTTING ME OFF FROM THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE WITH THEIR RIDICULOUS VEIL!
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THE POWER THAT ONCE FLOWED IN ABUNDANCE IS NOW A MERE TRICKLE! THIS WORLD WAS DESTINED TO PERISH...
...YET ELYON'S RETURN CHANGED MANY THINGS! SHE IS THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!
SHE HAS YET TO REALIZE HER LIMITLESS POWERS! IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO FIND HER BUT TOMORROW, HER POWER WILL FINALLY BE MINE!
AH! THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN IS ABOUT TO GO OUT FOREVER!

HOW WILL YOU MANAGE TO TAKE OVER HER POWERS?
WITH THIS, CEDRIC! THE CROWN OF LIGHT!

USING THE REMAINING MAGICAL ENERGY OF MERIDIAN, I WILL CREATE A TRAP CAPABLE OF HARNESSING ELYON'S ENERGY!

WHEN I PLACE IT ON HER HEAD, THE CROWN WILL ABSORB HER POWERS...
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...AND I, WITH ELYON'S ENERGY AT MY DISPOSAL, WILL FINALLY DESTROY THE VEIL AND BE FREE AGAIN!

YOU WILL DEAL WITH MY SISTER, FREEING ME FROM HER PRESENCE ONCE AND FOR ALL!
BUT, YOUR HIGHNESS... THE ENTIRE CITY WILL BE IN THE SQUARE TO WITNESS THE CEREMONY! YOUR SISTER IS GREATLY LOVED! HOW WILL THE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN REACT?

THAT WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM FOR US!

FORGIVE MY INSOLENCE, HIGHNESS, BUT THE SOLDIERS WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO FIGHT OFF THE CROWD!
I'VE ALREADY THOUGHT OF THAT POSSIBILITY! IF A REVOLT BREAKS OUT, MY NEW WHISPERERS WILL DEAL WITH THEM!
OBSERVE, CEDRIC, AND LEARN TO FEAR THEM...
...LEARN TO FEAR MY ARMY OF ANNIHILATORS!
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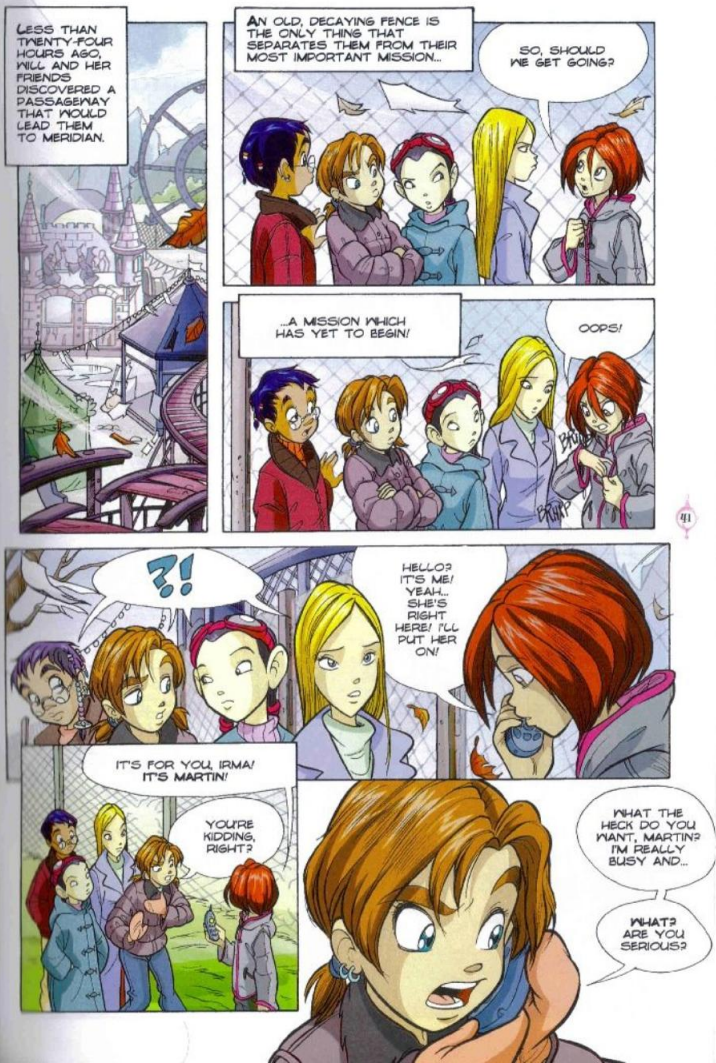
LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AGO, WILL AND HER FRIENDS DISCOVERED A PASSAGEWAY THAT WOULD LEAD THEM TO MERIDIAN.
AN OLD, DECAYING FENCE IS THE ONLY THING THAT SEPARATES THEM FROM THEIR MOST IMPORTANT MISSION...
SO, SHOULD WE GET GOING?
...A MISSION WHICH HAS YET TO BEGIN!
OOPS!
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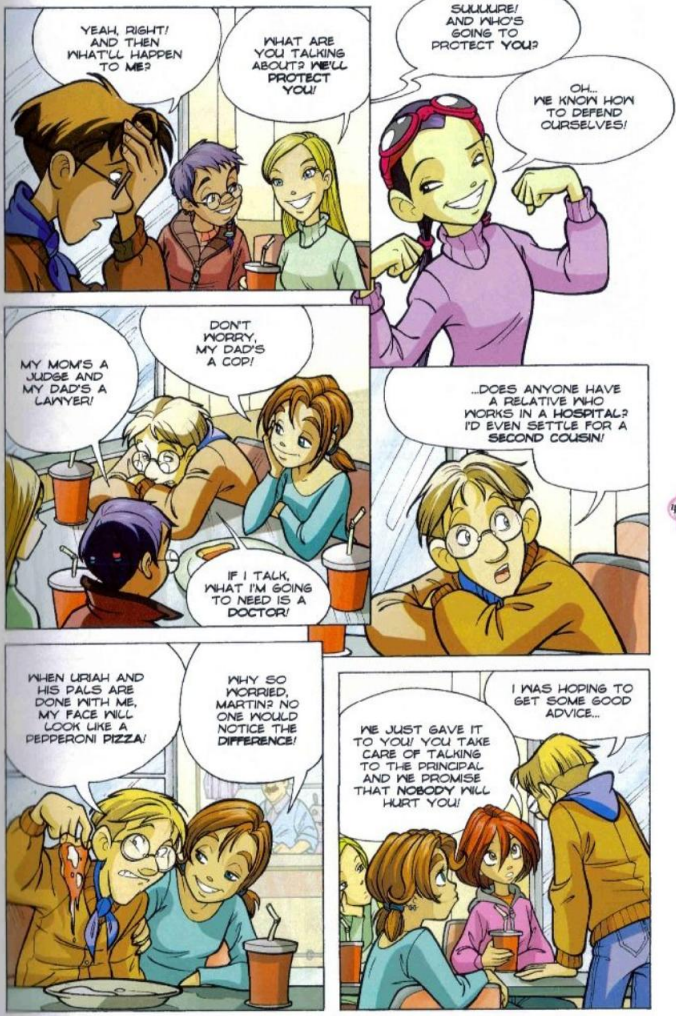
HELLO? IT'S ME! YEAH.. SHE'S RIGHT HERE! I'LL PUT HER ON!
IT'S FOR YOU, IRMA! IT'S MARTIN!
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
WHAT THE HECK DO YOU WANT, MARTIN? I'M REALLY BUSY AND...
WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS?

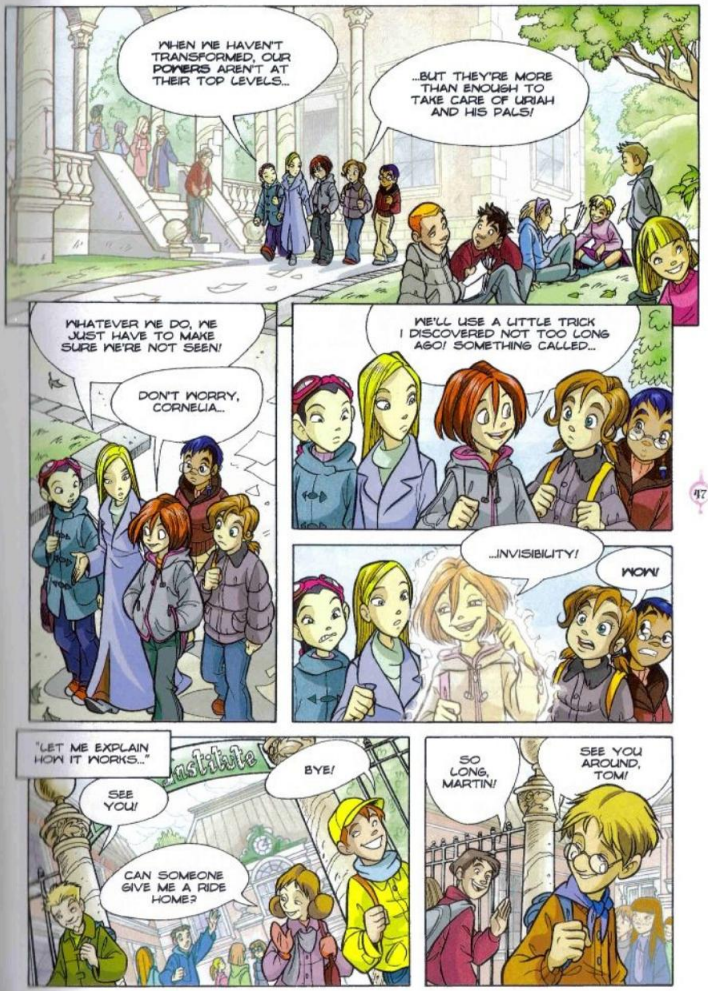
"OKAY! WE'LL MEET YOU AT GOLDEN IN HALF AN HOUR!"
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, GUYS... BUT THIS IS REALLY SERIOUS!
Golden
YOUR FOLKS SAID YOU WERE OUT WITH WILL SO I CALLED WILL'S PLACE AND HER MOM GAVE ME HER CELL PHONE NUMBER...
WHATEVER, MARTIN! START FROM THE BEGINNING AND TELL US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW!
I REALLY WANTED TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING AT SCHOOL TODAY, BUT... WELL, I WAS SCARED!
NIGEL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE THEFT THIS MORNING! IT WAS URIAH WHO STOLE BERLIN'S WATCH! I SAW HIM!
BUT... WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO RIGHT AWAY?
AND PUT MYSELF UP AGAINST URIAH AND HIS THUGS? THOSE GUYS DON'T KID AROUND, BUT I CAN'T LET AN INNOCENT PERSON TAKE THE BLAME EITHER! WHAT SHOULD I DO, IRMA?
WHAT DO YOU THINK? TOMORROW MORNING, YOU GO STRAIGHT TO PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER AND TELL HER EVERYTHING!


YEAH, RIGHT! AND THEN WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO ME?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WE'LL PROTECT YOU!
SUUUURE! AND WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT YOU?
OH... WE KNOW HOW TO DEFEND OURSELVES!
MY MOM'S A JUDGE AND MY DAD'S A LAWYER!
DON'T WORRY, MY DAD'S A COP!
IF I TALK, WHAT I'M GOING TO NEED IS A DOCTOR!
...DOES ANYONE HAVE A RELATIVE WHO WORKS IN A HOSPITAL? I'D EVEN SETTLE FOR A SECOND COUSIN!
WHEN URIAH AND HIS PALS ARE DONE WITH ME, MY FACE WILL LOOK LIKE A PEPPERONI PIZZA!
WHY SO WORRIED, MARTIN? NO ONE WOULD NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE!
I WAS HOPING TO GET SOME GOOD ADVICE...
WE JUST GAVE IT TO YOU! YOU TAKE CARE OF TALKING TO THE PRINCIPAL AND WE PROMISE THAT NOBODY WILL HURT YOU!

"TRUST US!"
...THAT'S ALL, MA'AM!
HMM... I SEE!
YOU'RE A FINE YOUNG MAN, MARTIN, AND I CAN IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU TO TELL ME ALL OF THIS...
I WANTED YOU TO HEAR THIS AS WELL, NIGEL! I THINK YOU'VE FOUND A NEW FRIEND!
THANKS, MARTIN...
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO ADD, URIAH?
IT... IT WAS ONLY A JOKE, MA'AM! IT WAS... IT WAS JUST FOR A LAUGH!
WELL, I HOPE THAT YOU'VE ENJOYED YOURSELF, BECAUSE YOUR LITTLE PRANK IS GOING TO COST YOU FIVE DAYS OF SUSPENSION!
!
PFF! WELL?
THEY'RE LEAVING THE OFFICE! !

LATER ON, I'LL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO EXPLAIN TO EVERYONE WHAT HAD HAPPENED! ONE LAST THING, URIAH...
...THIS WHOLE THING ENDS RIGHT HERE! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO MARTIN...AND YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN... I WILL BE EXTREMELY ANGRY!
NO PROBLEM, MA'AM! I PROMISE!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE LET BYGONES BE BYGONES, URIAH?
SURE THING, PAL...
...SO GET READY TO SAY BYE-BYE, 'CAUSE YOU ARE DEFINITELY A GONER! SEE YOU OUTSIDE AFTER SCHOOL, YOU WORM!
UGH!
EVERYTHING OKAY, MARTIN?
OH, S-SURE...
NIGEL!
!
...THINGS COULDN'T GET ANY BETTER!

I'M SO HAPPY THE WHOLE THING IS OVER!
FOR ME, IT'S ALL OVER, YEAH... BUT MARTIN'S IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE! URIAH MUST HAVE THREATENED HIM!
MARTIN! DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT CREEP...
IT DOESN'T MATTER, GUYS! I THOUGHT ABOUT IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND I'M SURE I DID THE RIGHT THING!
TALKING ABOUT IT WITH YOU GUYS REALLY HELPED ME OUT! I SAW HOW SURE YOU WERE ABOUT IT AND LEARNED THAT I SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID TO FACE THINGS!
I'M GOING TO WORK THIS ONE OUT ON MY OWN! AND IF THEY BREAK MY GLASSES, NO BIG DEAL!
IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME IT'S HAPPENED... AND THEN, IT PROBABLY WON'T BE THE LAST!
MARTIN IS A WHOLE LOT BRAVER THAN I THOUGHT!
BUT WE WON'T LET HIM GO THROUGH THIS ALONE! WE'LL SEE THIS THROUGH BEFORE LEAVING FOR MERIDIAN!
YOU BET!


WHEN WE HAVEN'T TRANSFORMED, OUR POWERS AREN'T AT THEIR TOP LEVELS...
...BUT THEY'RE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF URIAH AND HIS PALS!
WHATEVER WE DO, WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT SEEN!
DON'T WORRY, CORNELIA...
WE'LL USE A LITTLE TRICK I DISCOVERED NOT TOO LONG AGO! SOMETHING CALLED...
...INVISIBILITY!
WOW!
"LET ME EXPLAIN HOW IT WORKS..."
SEE YOU!
BYE!
CAN SOMEONE GIVE ME A RIDE HOME?
SO LONG, MARTIN!
SEE YOU AROUND, TOM!

PSST... MARTIN!
IF IT'S ME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, HERE I AM!
U-URIAH!
I GAVE YOU MY WORD, AND YOU KNOW ME... I'M A GUY WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES! I NEVER STAND PEOPLE UP, RIGHT KURT?
UH-HUH!
YOU EVEN WROTE IT DOWN IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT BOOK, URIAH.. "FROM 3:00 TO 3:30, BEAT UP MARTIN."
GOSH, IT'S ALREADY TWENTY PAST! IF YOU WANT, WE CAN RESCHEDULE FOR ANOTHER DAY!

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO FRIDAY, SAME TIME? NOW THAT I'M SUSPENDED, I HAVE LOTS OF FREE TIME!
BUT IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I COULDN'T PRETEND LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED AND LET NIGEL GET INTO TROUBLE!

YOU'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF LETTING HIM BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S IN TROUBLE NOW! SHUT THE GATE, LAURENT!
WAIT, URIAH! L-LET'S TALK THIS OVER!

UGH!
TOC
!

WHO... WHO DID THAT?
NOBODY! IT JUST FELL FROM THAT TREE!
COME ON! CAN'T I THROW ANOTHER ONE AT HIM? JUST ONE MORE!
I SAID NO, IRMA...

THERE ARE FIVE OF US! YOU DON'T WANT TO SAVE ALL THE FUN FOR YOURSELF NOW, DO YOU?!
HEY!
OH, MAN! YOU'RE NO FAIR!
THE CREEP IS GETTING AWAY!
GET HIM!
OKAY, LADIES! IT'S OUR TURN!
LET'S GIVE THESE BULLIES A LESSON THEY DESERVE!
UGH!
SPLASH
?
WHERE'D HE GO?
THAT WAS A NICE SHOT!
BUT I CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT...
WITHOUT EVEN USING MY POWERS!
TOMB
RIGHT! THE OLD TRIPPEROO WORKS EVERY TIME!

GET UP, YOU DIMWIT! WE HAVE TO FIND MARTIN!
POOR LAURENT! HE GOT ALL DIRTY!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM! HE COULD USE...
...A NICE COLD SHOWER!
YEOW!
AND TO DRY HIM OFF QUICKLY, A NICE COLD WIND! SIBERIAN, I'D SAY!
BRR! W-WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOOSH
THESE TWO HAVE HAD ENOUGH! IT'S URIAH'S TURN NOW!
DARN IT! WE LOST HIM! HE WAS HERE A MINUTE AGO!
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PANT! PANT! PUFF! PANT! I... PUFF... I LOST THEM!
GUESS AGAIN, FOUR EYES!
OH, NO!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO KURT AND LAURENT, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! I CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU ALL BY MYSELF!
OOOF!
THEY'RE GOING TO MISS THE SHOW, BUT NO BIG DEAL... I'LL TELL THEM ALL ABOUT IT LATER ON!
THEN TELL THEM ABOUT THIS PART, TOO!
HUH?
LOOK! THEY'RE OVER THERE!
BUT... BUT...
...BUT THAT'S NGEL!
YOU!
THAT'S ENOUGH, URIAH!
YOU SHOWED UP JUST IN TIME, OLD PAL! THERE WAS SOMETHING I WANTED TO TELL YOU!
SWISH!
GULP!

STOMP
YOU FORGOT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS...
OOOF!
...BUT THEY HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!
EXCUSE ME...
TIP TAP
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NO ONE TREATS MY BACKPACK LIKE THAT!
SOCK
NICE SHOT, MARTIN!
OW!
BUMP
SORRY I DIDN'T GET HERE SOONER! I STARTED FOLLOWING YOU THE MINUTE YOU GOT OUT OF SCHOOL, BUT THEN I LOST TRACK OF YOU!
DON'T APOLOGIZE! YOU SAVED MY GLASSES, FRIEND!

OH... NIGEL IS SUCH A GREAT GUY!
SO THAT'S OVER AND DONE WITH! NOW WE CAN FINALLY GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!
WE'LL LEAVE FOR MERIDIAN RIGHT AWAY! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR US TO DO HERE!
OUR ASTRAL DROPS SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN HOME BY NOW...
"...I JUST HOPE THEY DON'T CAUSE AS MUCH TROUBLE AS THEY DID THE LAST TIME!"
AT THE OLD CARNIVAL...
WATCH YOUR STEP! THIS PLACE IS FALLING APART!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN BEAUTIFUL ONCE! MY DAD USED TO COME HERE EVERY SUNDAY WHEN HE WAS LITTLE!
HANG ON! I FEEL SOMETHING!
IT'S NEARBY THEN! WILL'S SIXTH SENSE IS BACK IN ACTION!

THE... THE PORTAL MUST BE IN THERE!
Tunnel of Love
ARE YOU REALLY SURE? I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE ASSURANCE BEFORE CRAWLING INTO THAT HOLE!
MOVE IT OR LOSE IT, IRMA! WILL HAS NEVER BEEN WRONG BEFORE!
WELL, THERE'S A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING! CAN'T I TAKE ONE OF THE CARS? THAT SWAMP DOESN'T LOOK VERY INVITING TO ME!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONTROLS WATER! IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET YOUR FEET WET, WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR POWERS?
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT TO DO! GET READY TO TRANSFORM, GIRLS! IT'S TIME TO USE...
...THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!
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MAN! NOW MY BOOTS ARE FILLING UP WITH MUD!
OH, PLEASE! I FEEL LIKE I'M ON A SECRET MISSION...WITH MY GRANDMA! WILL YOU GIVE IT A BREAK?
CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO, AND TAKE A LOOK AT THAT!
IT'S THE PORTAL WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! VATHEK CAME THROUGH HERE...

...AND WE'RE ABOUT TO MEET UP WITH HIM!
WOW!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MERIDIAN? THE STREETS ARE FILLED WITH HAPPY PEOPLE!
YOU THINK WE TOOK A WRONG TURN?
IT MUST BE A CELEBRATION FOR THE CORONATION CEREMONY! WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!
THEN WE DON'T HAVE A MOMEN TO LOSE! WE HA TO FIND ELYON AND STAY BY HER SIDE!
WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY INTO PHOBOS' CASTLE!
I KNOW A SHORTCUT! FOLLOW ME.
THE PALACE GARDEN IS ON THE OTHER SIDE! THESE ROSES ARE ENCHANTED...BUT THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR CORNELIA!
I SURE HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!
AND... AND ONCE WE'RE INSIDE, WHAT DO WE DO?
JUST WHAT WE ALWAYS DO, IRMA... MAKE IT UP AS WE GO ALONG!

COME ON, HURRY UP! THE MAGIC IN THESE FLOWERS IS GETTING STRONGER. I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THIS PASSAGE OPEN!
NICE WORK, CORNY!
SHA-WHAM!
OOOF!
THIS IS CERTAINLY A SURPRISE!
HEY! I WAS REALLY HOPING WE'D SEE YOU...
...DALTAR!
THAT MUST BE THE GARDENER SHE TOLD US ABOUT!
IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, YOUNG LADY! AND THESE MUST BE...
...YOU GOT IT! THE FOUR OTHER GUARDIANS OF KANDRAKAR! WE'VE COME BACK TO PROTECT ELYON!
SHE MAY BE IN GRAVE DANGER!
THAT DANGER IS NAMED PHOBOS! THE PRINCE IS PLOTTING SOMETHING! FOR SOME TIME NOW HE'S BEEN CLOSED UP IN HIS UNDERGROUND HIDEAWAY, THE ABYSS OF SHADOWS... AND THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN!
FROM THE NAME, I'D GUESS IT'S NOT A VERY CHEERY PLACE EITHER!

WE HAVE TO TALK TO ELYON RIGHT AWAY!
THAT WON'T BE EASY! THE PRINCESS IS IN HER CHAMBERS AND WHISPERERS ARE ROAMING ALL AROUND THE CASTLE!
BUT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU..
YOU LOOK STUNNING! JUST ONE MORE ADJUSTMENT AND WE'LL BE DONE!
I REALLY HOPE SO, MASTER JINK!
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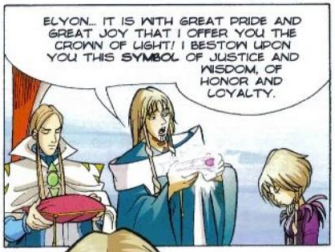
HUH? I ASKED NOT TO BE DISTURBED! WHO COULD THAT BE?
LET'S FIND OUT... COME IN!
TUMP TUMP TUMP
PLEASE FORGIVE MY INTRUSION, YOUR RADIANT HIGHNESS! I BRING YOU OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS TO ADORN YOUR HAIR...
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! I DIDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING OF THE SORT!
...WITH THE BEST WISHES OF WILL AND YOUR OTHER FRIENDS, WHO ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE GARDEN!
OH!

BUT...YOUR HIGHNESS?
YOU... YOU'VE COME BACK FOR ME!
YES, ELYON! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME, SO LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAVE TO TELL YOU...
"...AND MAKE UP YOUR MIND!"
THE PROCESSION IS READY, SIRE!
EXCELLENT! CALL FOR MY SISTER! SHE WILL WALK BY MY SIDE!
I'M ALREADY HERE, PHOBOS!
ARE YOU EXCITED? THE LONG-AWAITED MOMENT HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...
...AND THE CROWN WILL SOON BE YOURS!
"I JUST HOPE I'M WORTHY, MY BROTHER!"
LONG LIVE ELYON!
YES!
LONG LIVE THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN!
LONG LIVE THE PRINCESS!

HEY! THE CROWD REALLY SEEMS HAPPY!
HUH? AND WHY SHOULDN'T WE BE?
PHOBOS HAS FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT IT'S TIME FOR HIM TO STEP DOWN!
LOOK AT THAT SMUG SMILE ON HIS FACE! AND TO THINK THAT HE'S NEVER LOWERED HIMSELF TO WALK AMONG US UNTIL TODAY...
THE PRINCESS SHOULD PUNISH HIM FOR ALL OF THE WRONG HE'S DONE US!
LOOK WHO'S HERE!
VATHEK AND CALEB! I BET THIS PLACE IS FULL OF REBELS READY TO MAKE THEIR MOVE IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG!
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE WORRIED!
LOOK! THE CEREMONY'S STARTING!
PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN! TODAY IS A JOYFUL DAY FOR OUR CITY AND FOR THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF METAMOOR!

A KINGDOM THAT HAS BEEN DEPRIVED OF ITS LEGITIMATE QUEEN FOR TOO LONG...

...AND WRONGFULLY RULED BY A BROTHER LONG DEPRIVED OF HIS BELOVED SISTER!
AT LEAST HE'S BEING HONEST! I MEAN, HE'S RIGHT ABOUT BEING WRONG!
SHH!


ELYON... IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND GREAT JOY THAT I OFFER YOU THE CROWN OF LIGHT! I BESTOW UPON YOU THIS SYMBOL OF JUSTICE AND WISDOM, OF HONOR AND LOYALTY.

MAY YOUR ETERNAL POWER ILLUMINATE THE SPIRIT AND THE PATH OF YOUR LOYAL SUBJECTS!

NO LONGER CALLED PRINCESS OF MERIDIAN...

...AND NO LONGER AMONG US! HA! HA! HA!
ZZZZZAP
AAAYEEEH!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT WAS A TRAP!
I'M SORRY, MY DEAR, SWEET ELYON... BUT IN THE END, IT'S BETTER THIS WAY! YOU'RE SO YOUNG! YOU WOULD HAVE ENDED UP WASTING YOUR IMMENSE POWER...
PZZT
TOMP
...WHILE I... OH... I KNOW HOW TO USE IT!
SIRE! THE CROWD IS FURIOUS!
LET THEM YELL, CEDRIC!
TRAITOR! TRAITOR!
PHOBOS IS A MONSTER!
CRIMINAL!
VILLAIN!

THESE MISERABLE PEASANTS WILL BE THE FIRST TO TASTE MY NEW POWER! ELYON'S ENERGY LIES WITHIN THIS CROWN...
...BUT IN A MOMENT IT WILL HAVE A NEW MASTER!
I WILL DO AWAY WITH THESE WORTHLESS CREATURES WITH A WAVE OF MY HAND! THE DETESTABLE PEOPLE OF MERIDIAN! I HAVE ALWAYS LONGED TO DO THIS! HA! HA!
I'M NOT SURE! THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE SPELL HAS WORKED...
HOW... HOW DO YOU FEEL?
...HUH?
AH!
DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF, PHOBOS! YOUR NEW POWERS DON'T EXIST!

...BECAUSE WHAT YOU'VE ABSORBED ON THAT STAGE WASN'T THE POWER OF THE REAL ELYON, BUT ONLY THE POWER OF A LIVING REPLICA THAT WE CREATED!
THE GUARDIANS!
THE... THE REAL ELYON? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
IT MEANS THAT I'M RIGHT HERE, DEAR BROTHER!
IT'S THE PRINCESS!
I'VE BEEN TRICKED!
THE DAY OF RECKONING HAS ARRIVED, PHOBOS!
CALEB!
BUMP
CORNELIA! I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE!
GET THEM, EVERYONE! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!
IT'S A REBELLION, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I'LL DESTROY THEM! I'LL DO AWAY WITH THEM ALL, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!

ARISE, ANNIHILATORS!
...RISE UP AND DESTROY THOSE WHO DARED DISOBEY THE MASTER OF MERIDIAN!
KRROOOM
FRIENDS OF YOURS, HAY LIN?
ACTUALLY, BY THE LOOKS OF THEM, I THOUGHT THEY WERE YOUR FRIENDS!
KA-WRAAM
KA-WRAAM
CURSED ELYON! GET HER! DON'T LET HER ESCAPE!
TAKE THE PRINCESS TO SAFETY!
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, LITTLE GIRL...
!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU, CEDRIC!
UNGH!

COME ON, GIRLS! WE CAN'T LET PHOBOS GET AWAY!
NO! THE PRINCE IS MINE!
FZAAM
WHAM
CALEB! I'VE HEARD YOUR NAME MENTIONED A GREAT DEAL LATELY! SO IT'S TRUE! YOU'VE REBELLED AGAINST YOUR MASTER!
YOU'RE NO MASTER OF ANYTHING, PHOBOS! NOTHING YOU SEE AROUND YOU IS YOURS!
AND TO THINK THAT YOU WERE NOTHING, CALEB! YOU WERE ONLY A POOR WHISPERER, MY REPLICA!
I WAS A WHISPERER CAPABLE OF REASON! WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, I UNDERSTOOD RIGHT AWAY WHAT SIDE I SHOULD BE ON!
SHKSSS
A WHISPERER WITH A WILL OF ITS OWN IS A MISTAKE... AND THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO WITH MISTAKES!
AAAH!
FZZZAK
PHOBOS IS ATTACKING HIM! I HAVE TO HELP!
LOOK OUT, CORNELIA!
CRASH
!
KAAPAM

BACK! STAY BACK!
AHHHH!
ARGH!
YAP!
WOOOOSH
OVER THERE, TARANEE! THOSE PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP!
YEOW!
FWAM
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, WILL!
DON'T MENTION IT! IT WAS MY PLEASURE! AND I'M SURE THAT...
SZZZZAAK
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?!
RAAAAARGH!
BLINK
YOU WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME THING FOR ME!
OW!
RATATANG CLANG

YOUR SOLDIERS WILL NEVER MANAGE TO STOP THE REBELLION! OUR VICTORY IS AT HAND!
THAT MAY BE TRUE...
...BUT YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE FOR YOURSELF!
AAAAGH!

YOU'VE GONE BEYOND MY CONTROL... YOU'VE BECOME THE LEADER OF THE DESPERATE SCUM OF MERIDIAN... YOU BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER AND TURNED THEM INTO A THREAT AGAINST ME...
AHHHHH! S-STOP!

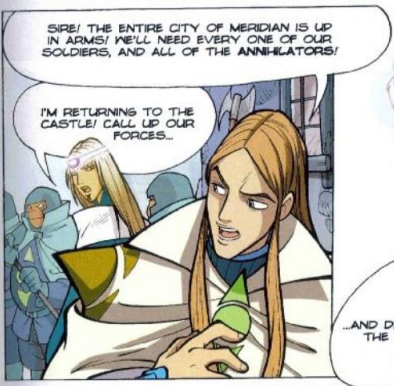
AND FOR THIS, I CONDEMN YOU, CALEB! I CREATED YOU AS A WHISPERER...
NNNH...

...AND A WHISPERER YOU SHALL BE ONCE AGAIN, IN ITS MOST PRIMITIVE FORM!

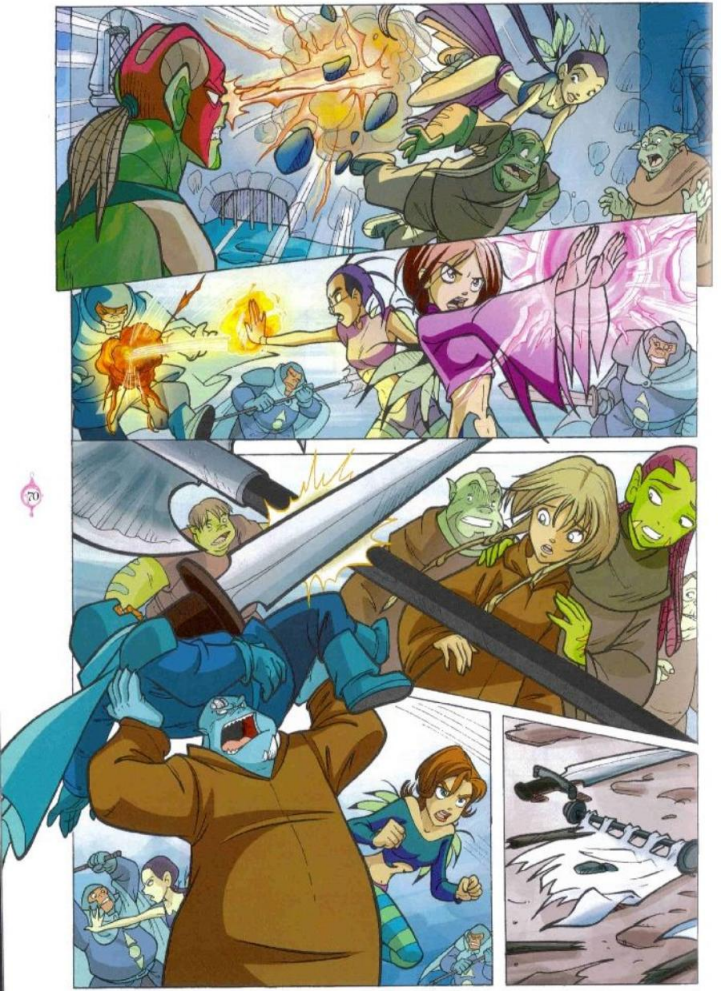
CALEEEEEEB!

OH, NO...
HE'S... HE'S...

...HE'S FREE, CORNELIA.


SIRE! THE ENTIRE CITY OF MERIDIAN IS UP IN ARMS! WE'LL NEED EVERY ONE OF OUR SOLDIERS, AND ALL OF THE ANNIHILATORS!
I'M RETURNING TO THE CASTLE! CALL UP OUR FORCES...

...AND DESTROY THE CITY!



THIS... THIS WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
WHY?
"WHY?"
The End